

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0014 (0018 in the publication)] beginning at page 4, line 19 of applicant's specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the plan view, the clamping plate preferably has the shape of a cross with four legs or a star with three legs, whereby for the given size of the mounting plate the adjustment region can be increased because the legs can still reach between attachment ~~posts~~ pedestals of the mounting plate.--

Please replace paragraph [0026 (0030 in the publication)] beginning at page 5, line 23 of applicant's specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The binding according to the invention further has a mounting plate 3, a clamping element 4 with peg 5 extending in the perpendicular direction, and a clamping lever 6 that is attached to a ~~pivot axis 7~~ a pin 7 forming a pivot axis so that it can pivot on the peg 5.--

Please replace paragraph [0027 (0031 in the publication)] beginning at page 5, line 28 of applicant's specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The mounting plate 3 is attached to the surface of the snowboard S by several ~~posts~~ pedestals 8, which each feature a hole 9. This attachment is typically realized by means of screws not shown, which engage in nuts that are incorporated as so-called inserts in the body of the snowboard S. For most snowboards on the market today, these nuts are arranged in the pattern of a square with a side length of 4 cm, so that the holes 9 are also arranged in a corresponding way. Obviously, it

is also possible to arrange the ~~posts~~ pedestals and holes according to other patterns of inserts, e.g., in the shape of an equilateral triangle.--

Please replace paragraph [0028 (0032 in the publication)] beginning at page 6, line 1 of applicant's specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The mounting plate 3 can be rectangular (cf. Figure 2) or also circular (Figures 3 and 4) in the plan view. The ~~posts~~ pedestals 8 hold the mounting plate at a distance from the surface of the snowboard S. The mounting plate 3 has a central opening 10, which is preferably rectangular and whose dimensions determine the adjustment range in the x and y directions (cf. Figure 2). Between the surface of the snowboard S and the mounting plate 3 there is a clamping element 4, from which a central peg 5 extends in the perpendicular direction upwards in the z-direction and reaches through the opening 10 of the mounting plate 3. This peg 5 further reaches through an opening 11 of the hold-down plate 2, so that this is coupled to the clamping element 4 by the peg 5. The cross section of the peg 5 and the opening 11 are preferably rectangular or square, so that in the rotational direction c the clamping element 4 and the hold-down plate 2 are coupled with a positive fit.--

Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 16, line 3 of applicant's specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A snowboard binding having a mounting plate for attachment to a snowboard in spaced-apart relation thereto. ~~The binding also has,~~ a clamping plate, ~~which is~~ arranged between the snowboard and the mounting plate, ~~wherein~~ a peg that

projects from ~~this~~ the clamping plate and extends through an opening in the mounting plate. ~~A, a base plate, on which the typical attachment for holding a boot are attached,~~ that has an opening over which a hold-down plate extends. ~~The, and a~~ hold-down plate ~~is~~ coupled to the clamping plate by means of a central opening via the peg. The mounting plate opening is substantially larger than the dimension of the peg of the clamping plate in two shift directions (x, y) extending perpendicular to each other, so that the clamping plate and the hold-down plate coupled with it can move, together with the base plate, relative to the mounting plate in the two shift directions. There is a positive-fit connection of the mounting plate to the clamping plate and/or the hold-down plate. ~~The positive-fit connection is preferably configured so that the two shift directions (x, y) are decoupled from each other.~~